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## **Milwaukee in the Top 20 for Best Places to do Business in the Country – For the Third Year in a Row**

MILWAUKEE – In 2009, the metro Milwaukee area was ranked the 20<sup>th</sup> in the country for best places to do business, according to MarketWatch. This is the third year in a row that Milwaukee has ranked in the top 20 of the annual survey of the 101 largest metropolitan areas.

According to the survey, Milwaukee was ranked higher than other like sized and larger metro areas, such as Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, and Chicago.

“I am very pleased MarketWatch has once again recognized Milwaukee as a great place to do business,” said Mayor Tom Barrett. “Despite the tough economic forces we all have to contend with, our collaborative efforts have remained focused on retaining and attracting companies. The recent announcement by Republic Airways to add 800 jobs here is evidence that our efforts are paying dividends for the City and the region.”

Just last month, the City’s Menomonee Valley Industrial center won the 2009 Phoenix Award, an award that recognizes excellence in the revitalization of environmentally contaminated land.

“It’s great that our economic development partnerships get recognized, but far more important are the jobs that are created and retained,” concluded Mayor Barrett.